

## Debs Column

### The Wall Street Twins

Time was not so long ago when there was some actual difference between the two branches of the capitalist political organizations known as the republican and democratic parties.

At that time Congress was composed of members who represented distinct territorial subdivisions called states and districts.

That time is past. The industrial development has practically wiped out the lines which separated these parties as well as the lines separating states and districts, so far as political representation is concerned.

The logical result of this change is that political government is obsolete. It has been superseded by industrial government and in time the former will completely disappear and the latter will be in complete power.

THERE IS NOT TODAY A SINGLE ISSUE UPON WHICH THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS DIVIDE ON STRICTLY PARTY LINES. The vote recorded in the Congressional Record proves this beyond a doubt.

Republicans vote with the democrats and democrats vote with the republicans, proving that there is no longer any party division and that the republican and democratic parties are but two political wings of the same industrial bird of prey.

IT IS APPARENT AT A GLANCE THAT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE NO LONGER REPRESENT STATES AND THAT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE NO LONGER REPRESENT DISTRICTS. They represent more and more certain industries and industrial interests and it is upon these lines that issues are decided and upon these lines that the vote is divided.

That political lines have been practically wiped out between these capitalist parties no longer admits of doubt.

Then why any longer expect relief from capitalism and its exploitation and corruption by supporting either wing of the republican-democratic party aggregation, whose sole surviving distinction is that it is neither republican nor democratic?

The working man or common citizen whose vote bears either the republican or democratic label is the finger of his own fetters. He deliberately shuts off the light that keeps him in darkness. He is his own and his family's worst enemy. The working man and woman of intelligence know enough to know that the Socialist party is their party and that it is the only party that stands for their emancipation.

### Anti-Alien Bills

The whole country should be aroused in opposition to the alien bills known as the "Alien Registration Bill" and the "Alien Deportation Bill" now pending in Congress for the purpose of still further persecuting and hounding those who may not be found to be "wholly Americanized" and who therefore be subjected to all sorts of governmental intimidation if permitted to remain at all, but who in any instance possible will be driven from the country as if they were wild beasts.

There is behind this agitation just the same a well-developed scheme to suppress free speech and to protest against the corruption and capitalism by a well established system of legalized intimidation.

Every alien in the land will be under suspicion if these two infamous bills are permitted to disgrace the statute books of the nation.

Under the bill first named, known as the Aswell Bill, each alien is required to register at a fee of ten dollars for the first time and five dollars for the registration of each succeeding year. He must also register his children between the ages of 16 and 21 and pay \$3.00 for each child.

The grafting feature of this bill makes easy picking for the local scavengers who prey upon the alien, while the recognized disgrace.

Nothing less than the leveling of the playing field upon the basis of governmental discrimination and persecution.

Every alien in the land will be at the mercy of the wardheeling mercenary of capitalism, and the most intense persecution will become the order of the day.

The sole purpose of these despotic bills is to put a gag on the lips of the alien and reduce them to the level of the live stock that goes to the slaughter. Under these vicious enactments aliens can be tamely and obediently as sheep and voted by their masters, or seized by the scruff of the neck, dumped into a cattle boat, and shipped out of the country.

The deportation bill is known as the Johnson Bill. These twin proposals are alike infamous.

Write to your congressman and your senator and demand the defeat of these two vile and outrageous propositions.

## The Appeal's Challenge

When William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, was in Chicago recently, he offered in an address the following two solutions of the evils of the capitalist system:

1—HIGHER WAGES to increase the purchasing power of the people and thus take care of the capitalist surplus which is responsible for business depressions, unemployment, imperialism, war and many other evils.

2—SHORTER HOURS for those who work for the purpose of making the work go round to everybody as invention, machinery and business economy tend to throw more and more persons out of work.

With these MEASURES OF RELIEF the American Appeal is in full accord, and will go down the line to the last ditch fighting for these very desirable ends.

But while it is doing this it will oppose to the utmost the DANGEROUS tendency to regard them as SOLUTIONS for the gigantic evils of CAPITALISM and the WAGE SYSTEM.

Labor has got to do MORE than to fight for HIGHER WAGES and SHORTER HOURS.

AS LONG AS THE CAPITALISTS OWN AND CONTROL INDUSTRY AND AS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE CONTROL THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE NATION, NOTHING CAN BE DONE THAT WILL REMOVE THE CAPITALIST SURPLUS WHICH IS THE ROOT OF ALL THE MAIN EVILS FROM WHICH WE SUFFER.

We may raise wages and shorten hours until Doomsday, but the capitalists in control of industry and government will continue to preserve their surplus by raising prices and adding to the cost of living. THEY HAVE BEEN STEADILY INCREASING THIS SURPLUS UNTIL THE WORLD IS THREATENED WITH SPEEDY DISASTER IN SPITE OF EVERY BRAVE AND WORTHY EFFORT OF ORGANIZED LABOR FOR THREE GENERATIONS.

IN COMPARISON WITH LABOR, THEY ARE MORE POWERFUL TO INCREASE THIS SURPLUS THAT THEY EVER WERE BEFORE. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO REMOVE BOTH THE CAPITALIST AND HIS SURPLUS BY THE CO-OPERATIVE OR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF INDUSTRY AND FINANCE UNDER WHICH THE WORKERS OF HAND AND BRAIN WOULD RECEIVE THE WHOLE OUTPUT, UNDIMINISHED BY RENT, INTEREST OR PROFIT, OVER AND ABOVE THE NORMAL UPKEEP AND GROWTH OF INDUSTRY AND THE UPKEEP OF GOVERNMENT.

DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION, WON BY THE JOINT USE OF THE POWER OF ORGANIZED LABOR, THE CO-OPERATIVES AND POLITICAL ACTION, IS THE FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION OF THE LABOR PROBLEM.

With the most fraternal feeling, we challenge President Green, or any other champions of organized labor, who intend to confine themselves to his announced policy, to substantiate their position in comparison with ours, or to successfully refute our position. This is a good-natured challenge intended to spread enlightenment. Either President Green or the Appeal's position is wrong. If the Appeal is wrong, President Green or some of his supporters should be able to point this out. We will gladly give them space. They should be glad of this opportunity.

## Debs Moves for Socialist Party Support of Miners

(In order to get quick action in support of the miners and the public growing out of the present coal strike, Comrade Debs is using the American Appeal as a medium to present this motion, get it seconded and have it voted upon by the N. E. P.)

That the following resolution be adopted by the National Executive Committee in behalf of the Socialist Party and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the United Mine Workers and also that a copy be given the press for publication.

WHEREAS, there has been a strike in the Anthracite coal region during the past few months, and

WHEREAS, there has been great suffering among the miners and their families and the public generally in consequence of said strike, and

WHEREAS, it has become clearly evident that the owners and operators of the Anthracite mines, constituting one of the most greedy, despotic and heartless monopolies in the nation show no disposition to settle said strike upon any fair terms, but are determined to destroy the union of the miners and starve them into submission that they may have undisputed sway in exploiting the mine workers, plundering the public by extortionate prices and setting the government at defiance while looting the nation, and

WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States, through its war Labor Board and other agencies, gave positive assurance to the mine workers that if they would stick to their tanks during the period of the war, engage in no strikes but keep the mines operating at their full capacity to produce a steady and ample supply of coal for the prosecution of the war, their loyalty would be rewarded and their interests properly cared for after the war was over, in which assurance the mine operators and capitalist employers generally joined with great enthusiasm, and

WHEREAS, the miners through their organization, the United Mine Workers gave their loyal and unequalled support to the government during the entire period of the war and carried out in good faith their part of the program, only to find at the close that the assurance of reward for their loyalty and care for their interests proved a delusion and a snare, a shameful betrayal of their confidence and trust, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Executive Committee hereby pledges the moral and material support of the Socialist party to the mine workers in the Anthracite region now engaged in the desperate battle for their liberty and their lives with the slave-drivers of the tyrannical and soulless Anthracite coal monopoly.

RESOLVED, that an appeal be made to all Socialists, all working people, all sympathizers with the miners in this crisis, and all lovers of liberty and justice, for financial contributions in support of the strike in the Anthracite, all of which shall be acknowledged in the columns of the American Appeal.

RESOLVED, that the National Executive Committee demand in behalf of the Socialist party the immediate seizure by congress of the Anthracite coal mines and the nationalization of the same as a public necessity, and the operation of said mines to relieve the miners from industrial bondage and for the benefit of the general public, as proposed in the measure introduced in congress by our Socialist representative, Victor L. Berger, and we appeal to the American people to at once write to their representatives in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, demanding their support of such measure or measures as may be necessary for the public ownership and control of the coal mines in the Anthracite region.

### Delivering the Goods

Workingmen in the aggregate learn slowly indeed, so slowly that one almost despairs of their ever freeing themselves from servitude.

Here is a notable instance of a common occurrence which is pretty apt to lead to pessimistic reflections.

Down in the Southern part of Indiana the mine workers and other union men elected a certain mine manager to the legislature. For some reason that only they can explain they could not or would not elect one of their own class to make laws for them.

A few days ago this mine manager, elected by the union miners and other workers, locked his loyal union constituents out of his mine, declared an open shop, hired a lot of scabs, and declared his intention to run his mine to suit himself.

When the miners found themselves locked out they concluded to go on strike to unionize the scab mine and to get rid of the scabs that had taken their place.

About this time the mine manager got busy himself. The first thing he

did was to sue out a writ of injunction restraining the union miners from "monkeying" with his scabs. This created some commotion, whereupon Mr. Manager promptly wired the Governor to send the state troops down there to protect his mine and to keep the striking miners off his premises.

This is the whole story. The miner or other worker who cannot see the moral of it is in a sad plight.

The miners in this instance received once more in full measure what they voted for.

The mine manager, elected to the legislature on a capitalist ticket, delivered the goods, and who shall condemn him for doing what he was elected to do?

As long as workingmen vote a capitalist ticket and elect capitalist candidates to office they must expect court injunctions and the state militia to deliver the goods and they may rest assured that they will never be disappointed.

Twenty-four oil companies of Oklahoma announce dividends for 1925 of \$70,000,000 more than like dividends in 1921.

## Keep Muscle Shoals, Warns Public Ownership Head, as Big Battle Opens

BY CARL D. THOMPSON.

(Secretary, Public Ownership League of America.)

The power trust is not after Muscle Shoals.

They are not after every municipally owned power plant and every publicly owned resource and power project in the country. Naturally, they are determined to monopolize the power system of the continent. Muscle Shoals is an important link in the chain. It commands the power system in the southeast. The government owns and is now operating it. The power trust must have it.

Menace of the Mightiest Monopoly.

If the private power-interests succeed in their efforts to capture Muscle Shoals it will give them one more advantage, and a tremendously important one, in their struggle for complete mastery of the power of the continent.

They boast loudly and long that they have already acquired, by one means or another, several hundred of the municipally owned light and power plants. They claim that \$60 such plants have failed, been abandoned or junked. And while this is a fearful exaggeration the truth is that many have been taken over by the trust.

The power interests have defeated the struggles of the people for the public ownership and control of their power systems in state-wide referendums in California twice, in Washington and in South Dakota. Every movement for the development of publicly owned power of any kind anywhere is fought by the private power interests with a relentless fury that is appalling. Their subtle and lying propaganda is spread broadcast over the continent.

President Coolidge and Secretary Hoover.

And the power trust has its friends and supporters in high places. They have not overlooked the importance of that advantage. President Coolidge in his last message urged that Muscle Shoals should be turned over to the private power companies. Of course. And meanwhile Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has been for years now practically engineering and leading the fight for private monopolization of the power resources of the nation.

And if they succeed we will have on this continent in the near future the mightiest, the most complete and far reaching monopoly the world has ever seen. Nothing like this has ever threatened us before. FOR A MONOPOLY OF ELECTRIC POWER CARRIES WITH IT THE MONOPOLY OF EVERY OTHER RESOURCE AND INDUSTRY OF THE COUNTRY. ALREADY, AND FROM NOW ON INCREASINGLY, THE INDUSTRIAL, THE MUNICIPAL, THE AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC LIFE OF THE WORLD—MINING, MANUFACTURE, COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION—ARE ALL DEPENDENT UPON ELECTRIC POWER. HE WHO OWNS THE POWER

## Two Socialist Governments Enter Into Binding Peace Agreements

A little seven-line item tucked away in an inconspicuous part of the daily capitalist papers tells the story of a great Socialist and peace triumph—a far greater victory for essential peace than the League of Nations and the Locarno Pact. This is the item:

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 15.—Denmark and Sweden today signed an arbitration agreement. It is expected that a similar treaty will soon be signed between Denmark and Norway. The Danish premier calls this the new way to world peace.

This capitalist news dispatch carefully conceals the main facts connected with this event.

The pact entered into between the governments of Denmark and Sweden virtually binds each country not under any circumstance to engage in war with the other. It solemnly commits each government to reason and arbitration in the settlement of all disagreements and disputes with the other country.

IT MAKES WAR AS UNLIKELY BETWEEN THEM AS WAR WOULD BE BETWEEN ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN. IT MAKES THEM TWO POTENTIAL STATES IN A PROSPECTIVE UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD.

New Chapter in History

These governments, or ministries, are both controlled by Socialist majorities and this pact was the consummation and realization of a Socialist Peace Program, planned by the Socialist members of these respective cabinets.

The pact entered into between these two Scandinavian nations is not a pact of mutual alliance and defense AGAINST other nations—like the dangerous treaties under Locarno and the League of Nations—IT IS A MUTUAL ABANDONMENT OF WAR FOR THE DEFENSE AND PEACE OF ALL NATIONS.

There has been no treaty before like this in the history of the world. IT IS A SOCIALIST TREATY CARRYING OUT A GREAT SOCIALIST IDEAL OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD.

It is to be followed by a similar treaty between these countries and Norway.

Democratic Denmark

Although the Danish and the Swedish parliaments do not have Socialist majorities, the Social Democratic Party in each country in the last elections became the largest party in these parliaments, entitling them to majorities in the ministries. These Socialist majorities have been working

OF THIS CONTINENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD WILL OWN AMERICA AND BE THE MASTER OF THE PEOPLE MORE COMPLETELY THAN ANY OTHER MASTERY IN HUMAN HISTORY.

Muscle Shoals the immediate objective.

In this fight those who believe in public ownership and democracy have this one advantage: Muscle Shoals is already a government property. It is owned and operated by the government. Possession, in this case, may not be nine points in the law, but it is at least, an advantage. It is easier to defend what we have, than to get away from them what they have.

We also have this advantage that in Congress and especially in the Senate we have many mighty men of valor who are fighting our battle for public ownership of power. Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska took up the battle for the government retention, ownership and operation of Muscle Shoals years ago and never for one moment from that day to this has he relaxed his vigilance or effort. At this very writing he is making his greatest fight to keep this great power reserve for the people.

In this battle Senator Norris has been ably supported by United States Senator R. B. Howell since his election to the Senate two years ago. Senator La Follette, whom we have recently lost, was also an unfailing supporter of Senator Norris' position; and his son who now succeeds him may be depended upon for the same support. Senator Frazier of North Dakota, Dill, of Washington, Johnson of California and others in the Senate and a goodly number in the House of Representatives are with us in this struggle.

Help Us Save Muscle Shoals.

So far in this battle we have won. Muscle Shoals still belongs to the people of the United States. BUT IT IS SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED UNLESS THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION ARE AROUSED; UNLESS SENATOR NORRIS AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARE GIVEN ADEQUATE SUSTAINED SUPPORT. MUSCLE SHOALS MAY BE SEIZED UPON BY THE POWER MONOPOLY AT ANY TIME. THEREFORE IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY FRIEND OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND POPULAR GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXERT HIS UTMOST INFLUENCE NOW AND CONTINUOUSLY IN BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT RETENTION, OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF MUSCLE SHOALS.

You Can Help.

Write to your senators and representatives in Washington. Urge them to support Senator Norris and the Norris bill for the retention and government ownership and operation of Muscle Shoals. And if you need detailed information or literature on the subject send to the Public Ownership League. And please send us copies of your letters, if you write your congressmen. We can make good use of them. Our address is—127 North Dearborn Street, Chicago.

### Foresee 1926 Slump

Leading financiers are predicting a considerable deflation during 1926 from the present amount of credit prosperity. Among them are Chairman Rawson of the Union Trust Company, Chicago; Benjamin Baker of the Analyst; Vice-president Ayers of the Cleveland Trust company; President Moody of Moody's Investor's Service.

The latter makes the cheerful forecast that it is "improbable that unemployment will approach that of 1921."

They all see a considerable drop in business and a corresponding decrease of unemployment. Underlying their explanations is the belief that wages are still too high and that the deflation of labor of 1921 and 1922 should be continued so that American business can compete more successfully with the low paid labor of Europe and Asia.

Think of it. This boasted bankers' and capitalists' prosperity is lasting less than a year! Hundreds of thousands of productive men and women are to be thrown out of work! How long will it take the workers to learn that the capitalist system is breaking up; that it won't work any longer?

Where do they get this damphool stuff about not letting a law become retroactive? That means that the capitalists, already in possession of the earth, can't be ousted by any law in the future, because such a law would be retroactive. If the workers in Mexico, and outside, too, haven't got sense enough to call that insolent bluff, they're done for forever.

Profit BEGAN early  
By giving LESS for MORE;  
Now it takes MOST for LEAST.  
Gleagerry.

### Here's a good line on capitalism—

our capitalist administration in Washington willingly sacrificed \$2,000,000,000 of the people's money to bolster up the Fascist dictatorship in Italy, but it is ready to go to war and sacrifice the people to protect \$2,000,000,000 invested by private capitalists in Mexico. Is any further comment necessary?

### It Works in Queensland

The 50 retail butchers' shops owned and controlled by the Queensland Labor government showed a profit of \$73,134 for the last year's operations, compared with \$46,603 for the previous year. All meat was sold at prices considerably below those in the privately-owned shops.

The produce selling agency conducted by the government on behalf of the farmers, showed a profit of \$10,200 for the year. The farmers selling through the government agency realized higher prices for their products than through ordinary channels.

The state hotel operated by the government showed a profit of \$164,966 for the year—an increase of \$18,375 above the profit of the previous year. And they tell us that public ownership won't work. It works in Queensland because Queensland is ruled by a Labor government which believes honestly in public ownership and is honestly engaged in paying the way through public ownership to Socialism.

Wouldn't it be just fine if all of us could be as lucky as Mussolini and have our debts cut down to about what we thought was our capacity to pay.

### Predicts Labor Victory

The Montreal Star publishes the prediction that the British Labor Party will come into complete power at the next election. It says:

"Ramsay MacDonald and the Labor Party will come into power at the next British elections. It is confidently believed by Joseph Compton, Labor M. P. for Gorton division, Manchester, who arrived in Montreal last evening for a brief stay.

"The Labor Government was not in power in Britain before, but only in office, having 190 members out of the total of 615. At the next election, which may come soon, Ramsay MacDonald and his party will come into power. Of that I have not the slightest doubt. The general feeling throughout the country is for it."

### Nearing the Breakdown

When six jobs were offered in London recently 3,000 men fought each other to get them. As winter advances Great Britain's terrible unemployment situation gets worse. In Germany, Austria, Poland, Denmark, Sweden and Finland a particularly acute unemployment crisis exists. Every European country is in the midst of a distressing unemployment situation. CAPITALISM ALWAYS BREAKS DOWN AND PASSES OUT IN AN UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS. AS IT DID IN RUSSIA. EUROPEAN CAPITALISM IS GETTING MIGHTY CLOSE TO JUST SUCH A BREAKDOWN.



# Stage Set for Mexican Uprising and Intervention, Says Writer

(The following article was written for the Appeal by a writer who has lived in Mexico during many of its troublous years and is intimately acquainted with the Mexican situation and what is taking place behind the stage.)

The stage was set last summer for a reactionary counter-revolution below the Rio Grande. Secretary of State Kellogg's famous note came just after ex-President Adolfo de la Huerta, leader of the unsuccessful revolt of 1923, had made a secret flying trip through Washington to New York to confer with prospective financial backers. A day or so following the de la Huerta journey and preceding the Kellogg note, the Washington Post came out with front page article stating that "authentic information" from below the border indicated that the "business interests" and the "middle class" in Mexico, in conjunction with "law 'n' order" elements generally, were preparing to oust Calles and substitute a more satisfactory chief executive. However, the Kellogg note did not elicit the anticipated enthusiastic response. It brought grumbles and grunts but no cheers from Main street. Even the Henry Dubba didn't want another blood bath. Then, too, President Calles made new efforts to placate the capitalists up here. So, although the stage was set, the impending tragedy was not enacted.

Now another Kellogg note is sent to Calles. This time the kick is about the anti-land law and the petroleum law Mexico has just put into effect. These laws in themselves are objectionable to Wall street, for they assert

the primary right of Mexicans to their own resources and restrict still further alien capitalists who try to monopolize them. But what is most objectionable is not the particular phraseology of the statutes. It is the meaning of this latest step and of other steps forward in Mexico. IT IS THE FACT THAT LABOR'S POWER IS BEING MORE AND MORE FELT IN THE "BACKWARD" REPUBLIC SOUTH OF US. AMERICAN CAPITALISM SENSES THE MENACE AND ACTS WITHOUT DELAY.

Kellogg's note is a warning to Calles that he must repress the Mexican labor and agrarian movements speedily or he will face the reactionary revolt that was contemplated last summer. Plans are well laid and an uprising, "made in the U. S. A." can be arranged on short order. Agents in Washington and New York are busy, and money is not lacking. Some American capitalists are ready for the imperialistic coup-d'etat. Others prefer trying to force concessions from Calles.

Labor can thwart the conspiracy by solidarity. It can prevent the consummation of any similar scoundrelism, anywhere, any time, by united, organized action. Solidarity—and publicity! For publicity leads to more solidarity. Let the workers use these weapons and there will neither be a successful reactionary revolt in Mexico, nor American military intervention in the affairs of the workers of a land which had been drenched in more gore, perhaps, and the scene of more sacrifices, probably, in proportion to population and size, than any other.

## Appeal Army Column

By the way, are you on the honor roll? Did you receive the "American Appeal"? If not, mail post haste at once a dollar to "American Appeal," 2353 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill. Tell Gens you are alive and with him. Gens you are prostrating soul if you dare to delay!

This call published by August Claessens in The New York Leader brought many responses. That's the way to do it. All boost!

J. T. Jones, Ocala, Florida sends his subscription with warm greetings and pledges to help. "I was a member of what J. A. Wayland called 'The Army' when he was in command of 'The Appeal To Reason.' Good! We hope all the old Appeal army will mobilize. Like old times, isn't it?"

"All hail to The Appeal and to our old hero and comrade its editor," says John A. Rogers, Pigott, Arkansas.

John Nipp, Milroy, Indiana, sends in a bunch of subs with the following comment. "I am an old reformer and socialist. I have heard Debs speak and I know my man."

Another editor, F. H. McGill, of The Times State, writes, registers as a booster. That's what the army wants, a Propaganda Squad.

Here's one from F. M. Kirkendall, Dayton, Ohio. "I have heard it said 'Millions now living will never die.' That's because millions now living are already dead, politically. The appeal came today. It is certainly a raucous leader of the emancipation damps of crooked politics."

Another heavy charge from New Castle, Pennsylvania. E. E. Hilliard wants one every week for himself (and a bundle of one hundred for the other fellows. There'll be no sleeping in New Castle.

Bang! The market-fire never stops! Luigi Chericoni fires five shots from Philadelphia. Who said Philadelphia was asleep?

Better look out for those snipers. Strawberry Lent shoots twice from Dayton, Ohio.

"The week's work!" Here are four more from Carl Otto Olsen, San Francisco.

When it comes to firing them in you can't beat the old Pennsylvania line. Just when the editor thought he had time for a hot-dog sandwich Bing! Twelve from W. R. Goodall, S. Williamsport. Two cracks from Junata fired by E. R. Rosewater. And two more by Ernest Schmidt, Philadelphia.

Listen to the anti-aircraft guns from New York. Look out Wall Street! Hot air won't keep you aloft much longer. Just as we were talking about Pennsylvania we heard this bunch of guns: J. J. Nylander, Brooklyn, six subs. Mrs. R. Frumoff, New York, three. Frank Jacobson, Jamestown fires a shot, and Harry Krivier, Monticello, sends five. Mrs. Louise Mourglion, Brooklyn sends her subscription saying, "I am with 'Gens' all right, always and all the time."

Louis Reiff, New York City, "I am sending seven. I mail them as I get them. Will send more in the near future." That's the way, Louis. Don't lose any time.

The snipers around Chicago keep right on snooting them in as they get them. J. H. Hubbel and S. Popora fire two shots each.

Geo. J. Miller sends nine subs from New Haven, Connecticut. That's the right kind of a coast-guard.

F. W. Magnuson, a faithful picket from South Dakota sends his subscription. Wait until he gets South Dakota waked up. While he is doing that Mary G. Muse is going to wake up Sherman, Texas.

Leopold Baer, of 16 Market street, Chicago, not far from the National Office, shows how bright the spirit burns in our old home town with a bundle order for TWO HUNDRED, and a subscription. He's a Baer!

When we open letters from Canada and New Mexico, California and Long Island, all in the same breath, and find them all containing cheers and good wishes BESIDES money for subscriptions and bundle orders, it swells us with enthusiasm and confidence. Ammunition, did we say? This Appeal Army is rushing us to the front pile-wagons and coffee-tanks along

## Did Secretary Kellogg Build Mexico?

Senator La Follette has offered in the Senate a resolution calling upon Secretary Kellogg to disclose the secret pledge, if any, extorted by the American government from the Obregon government of Mexico in 1923 in return for recognition. The Wall Street Journal on Jan. 15 hinted at the existence of such a secret pledge, as being the basis for Kellogg's threats against Mexico when it enacted its anti-land and anti-petroleum laws. Under this pledge, Mexico would not enforce Article 27 of her constitution against American oil companies holding land in defiance of that constitution.

with the high explosives. Among the willing hands that are helping to win the war for Industrial Democracy, just glimpse the following names:

Morris Weinstein, New York City; P. Nasol, Rochester, N. Y.; J. Olson, New Westminster, B. C.; W. S. Moyer, Sayre, Pa.; Charles W. Ferry, Denver; Max Huntman, Blaine, Arizona; Mike Thiers, Pittsburgh; Jacob Newman, Brooklyn; John Klingens, Richmond, Ind.; Charles Gushinsky, Brooklyn; C. D. Stuart, San Francisco; Alex Yeager, Sunbury, Pa., writes, "Send Appeal to Harry S. Yeager, Buffalo, my son. I am delighted with the paper, but my age is over 80 and I cannot read very well." That's the spirit that never dies!

S. V. Kennison writes for a subscription to start with the first number. He writes "I do not know the price of the subscription, but will send one huck, and tell all by friends to do likewise."

Bridgeport, Conn., was famous in war times for its munitions. Comrades there are using their ammunition for a better cause. Here comes a wagon-train headed by W. S. Hoffman with one yearly subscription and a bundle for ten weeks.

From every side they come. Joe W. Thomas of Indianapolis, comes hurrying to the firing line of the Army of Peace with what do you think? six yearly subscriptions and a bundle of fifty.

Stamford, Conn., catches the fervor. G. Berquist sends extra ammunition consisting of one yearly sub and a bundle of fifty.

Terre Haute, Gene Debs own town, comes to bat again with Ben Hamilton who orders one yearly sub and a bundle of fifty. Attaboy, Ben!

Los Angeles' winter warmth does not enervate comradely enthusiasm. From the "greatest climate in the world" B. F. Burns sends an order for a bundle of 20 accompanied by a yearly subscription. Not to be outdone, John E. Parsons orders 100 in a bundle, and a subscription.

Peter Gilles, of Arkansas, Wis., loads his machine-gun with six copies for six weeks, together with a subscription. That brings them down!

H. W. Wallerstein, of Red Bluff, Cal., rushes to the front with yearlies and two six-month subscriptions. In good time, comrade! Your help brightens the darkness before the dawn.

Dr. W. S. James, of Cleveland, sends for 21 weeks of sample copies and two subscriptions. He writes "I am well pleased with the paper, and will do all I can to promote it."

Did the tidal wave stop with the big burst of last week? It did not. It is just beginning. Wish you could be here and see them come rolling in, the waves of hope and courage and steadfastness and devotion. How it makes your heart burn with love for the staunch comrades, many of whom have suffered much in the persecution, but who are all the more determined to spend their lives for the cause of humanity!

"Hill's foundations quiver" as the old hymn has it, when the ranks of the Sunlight reform so solidly and march on so steadfastly toward the day of emancipation. Comrades, the long long night is over, the dawn is beginning to appear!

Bless your soul, you don't know how much good it does us to hear again from some dear old loyal comrades, from whom we have been separated, and whose letter comes like the clasp of a dearly loved hand!

One Hundred Per Centers. The First National bank of New York city this year paid 100 per cent dividends on its nominal resources of \$100,000,000. Doubtless the stockholders made a stronger army and navy and a few fascist bodies, to protect their interests.

## Party News

### Pittsburgh Celebrates

Well, there is room for only the biggest things of the week.

These Pittsburgh comrades have just had an splendid banquet and a festival of fun—and business.

The Pittsburgh comrades are going stronger than ever. Their latest performance was a thriller. Three hundred American Appeal readers of Pittsburgh gathered on the Roof Garden of the Chatham Hotel the evening of Jan. 13 and had a high old time, celebrating the launching of the American Appeal and preparing for the coming National Convention. Comrades James H. Maurer, John W. Slayton, Walter J. Wright, Jane Tait, Sidney Stark and Dr. William J. Van Eschen made speeches. Music by the Pittsburgh Branch Orchestra, by forty members of the German Workmen's Singing Society and by Mrs. William J. Van Eschen, and a recitation by C. B. Feterolf, enlivened the occasion. Telegrams from Eugene V. Debs and from the American Appeal staff were received with a whoop of enthusiasm.

At 9:30 came the novelty dances and then the everybody-shake-out. And the things they didn't do to the clock to prevent daylight catching them.

Sidney Stark's appeal for the support of the American Appeal resulted in \$234, half to be used locally and half to go direct to the American Appeal treasury.

It was a triumphant banquet and get-together, triumphant in the spirit of comradeship renewed, in the strength of purpose inspired, in the material advance of the American Appeal, in clear plans and pledges of labor and cash and devotion in present progress of the local movement and in preparation for the National Convention to open in Pittsburgh May 1. Mark the prediction. In careful preparation, in cooperation, in intelligent management of preliminaries, in the efforts of every member in Allegheny county to be served, entertained and inspired, Pittsburgh will match any previous National Convention held by our party. Happy cheers for Pittsburgh!

### California Plans Convention

The California comrades are in the ring and going home. Comrade Emil Herman's six months' work in that state has surely set the state well to the front in the fray. The California Socialists will hold a state convention in San Francisco, February 21. Comrade Lena Morrow Lewis is unwearied in her efforts to cultivate the field, and prepare for a great state convention. San Francisco comrades are pushing the party-building with all seriousness and are preparing to make the convention a great success.

### Indiana to Meet

The Indiana State Executive Committee held a meeting in Indianapolis state headquarters Jan. 18 and 19 and 20 and 21 as the date for the next state convention, to be held in Indianapolis. Eugene V. Debs will be on the job with the delegates to aid his might to the success of the convention. The report of the state secretary to the state executive committee was most encouraging. The committee was pleased and strengthened for the battle.

The state secretary, Mrs. Emma Henry, writes: "There is a general feeling among our comrades that the American Appeal will do excellent work toward the rebuilding of the party, and that the paper is just the kind of a publication needed at this time."

The Finnish Federation orders 1,500 dues stamps, and Comrade Reivo writes: "Our stamp sales have been larger this month than for many months past.... Hurrah for the American Appeal...."

### West Virginia Labor Awakes

West Virginia, the paradise of non-unionism in the past, and the base selected by J. P. Morgan on which to start his new giant soft coal trust, has entered a new era of labor organization, says Clinton Golden, field representative of the Brookwood Labor College, who has been touring that state. The State Federation of Labor has cleaned out the traitors and grafters in the labor movement and is all set to re-unite the state from top to bottom. John B. Easton, the new president of the State Federation, is a flat glass worker, and several other kinds of workers when it comes to organizing the labor movement. Where the Miners' Union has been broken Golden found the men working for less than half of the union scale of wages and a tragical sacrifice of miners' lives by the profit-mongers and scab companies.

## Progress in Mexico

It is quite apparent that our Wall street rulers are not favorably impressed with the labor administration of the Republic across the Rio Grande. President Calles and his cabinet are too rigidly honest to be corrupted as Diaz was and too flawlessly courageous to tolerate any important interference from the outside with their domestic affairs.

The American people would indignantly resent any attempt on the part of the Mexicans to dictate in our affairs and control our domestic policy, and the Mexican people have just as good a right to run their own government and manage their own affairs to suit themselves, as if American sharks and exploiters who have pushed their way in there to loot the Mexican nation and gouge the Mexican people whom they hold in contempt as "grassers," let them get out and stay out for they are not wanted there.

We are especially gratified to note the progress of the Mexican nation under the Calles administration. For the first time in the history of Mexico the working class are getting something like a square deal.

The industrial and agricultural workers are not only allowed but encouraged by the government to organize and to put forth their best efforts in their organized capacity to improve their condition mentally and morally as well as physically and to strive for ultimate industrial emancipation.

President Calles and his secretary of commerce and labor, Louis Morones, as well as the rest of the presidential cabinet have the implicit confidence of the great body of the American people and they are establishing a government and developing a domestic policy that will in the next few years place the Republic of Mexico, until quite recently one of the weakest and most reactionary of nations, in the very forefront of the most advanced and progressive nations of earth—E. V. D.

## A Lovely Pair.

Fascist organizations have been launched in six states of the commonwealth of Australia. Australian Labor Party officials have obtained possession of a letter written by A. Kirby Hewitt, organizing secretary of the British Fascist to Captain J. O. Hatch, organizing secretary of the Australian Fascist, which among other things says:

"Had the MacDonald government remained in office here, we would have been required to forcibly drive it from office. Our present chancellor of the exchequer, Austin Chamberlain, said 'Were Labor returned with a working majority it would be necessary in the interests of the nation to suspend constitutional government and forcibly prevent it from assuming office.'"

Here you have a lovely picture of Fascism—Austin Chamberlain, direct representative of "legal" capitalism in league with Fascist and Fascist methods to overthrow constitutional government in order to prevent the seating of a duly elected Socialist and labor majority! What a combination! The law and order element in league with the outspoken defiers of law and order for the common purpose of destroying law and order!

## Farmers Getting the Idea.

The Producers' Alliance and the Equity Association, two farmer organizations of the Northwest have merged. The Alliance is a farmer organization that corresponds to the trade union movement. It is an organization of farmers for the purpose of preventing cut-throat competition among the farmers in selling their produce, by holding the produce on the farms until prices are offered representing the cost of production plus a fair profit. Many farmers in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska are in the Producers' Alliance.

The Equity is one of the oldest independent farmers' marketing associations with headquarters in St. Paul. The particular merit of both these organizations is that they are both honest-to-God farmers' organizations, and not getting parties coddled into existence by each agents of the big business as Calvin Coolidge, Aaron Shapiro, ex-Governor Lowden of Chicago, Secretary Jardine, and Senator Capper. If an independent farmer organization representing a combination of the trade union idea and the cooperative idea were to gain a big foothold in America, we not only might begin to hope for the farmers doing something for themselves right away, but the growth of organized Socialism would be made easier.

The 8-hour day, 44-hour week, seems assured in all the Patterson broadsheet as the result of the joint drive launched by the Associated Silk Workers and United Textile Workers unions. Formerly the mills worked their employees from 12 to 19 hours. The strike is winning because there is perfect unity and cooperation between the two organizations—a solid front.

## Facts About Fascism

Fascism is capitalism in the act of forcibly preventing democracy from voting capitalism out of existence. It is exactly this—no more and no less. The workers were allowed to vote only as long as they voted for capitalism. The moment the majority starts to vote capitalism out of existence and bring industrial democracy, Fascism arises to overturn constitutional government and establish dictatorships.

FASCISM IS CAPITALISM IN THE ACT OF PASSING FROM MENTAL AND MORAL GOVERNMENT OVER THE WORKERS TO DIRECT PHYSICAL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT OVER THE WORKERS.

It is a universal sign that the workers are breaking their mental chains and that the capitalists are breaking every pledge and pretension they ever made to democracy.

Capitalism used the forms of democracy as means of mentally and morally controlling the workers as long as this was possible. FASCISM IS THE SIGN THAT CAPITALISM CANNOT USE THE FORMS OF DEMOCRACY ANY LONGER FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND IS PREPARING TO SCRAP THEM.

The triumph of fascism would mean the coming of the most painful and horrible forms of slavery the world has ever experienced—DIRECT PHYSICAL SLAVERY BY PHYSICAL FORCE ENFORCED BY THE WHITE TERRORISM OF POISON GAS, INCENDIARY BOMBING, MACHINE GUNS, ANNIHILATING ARTILLERY, THE PRISON, THE LASH, OR STARVATION, ACCOMPANIED BY THE RUTHLESS SUPPRESSION OF EVERY EXPRESSION OF HIGH THOUGHT, OR ENOBILING ASPIRATION OF THE HUMAN HEART.

This is no pipe dream of an imagined future. This new regime of Fascism, or some other form of the White Terror of Capitalism has already been established in Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Roumania, Hungary, Estonia and to a lesser extent in several other countries, while Fascist movements in some form have appeared in every country in the world.

THESE FASCIST OR WHITE TERROR GOVERNMENTS ARE BANDING TOGETHER AS FAST AS THEY ARISE IN AN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE TO SUPPRESS THE MOVEMENTS OF LABOR IN ALL COUNTRIES.

CAPITALIST GOVERNMENTS THAT STILL PRETEND DEMOCRACY ARE CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THEM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE CAPITALIST PRESS WHICH LASHED THE WHOLE WORLD TO FRENZY AND SLAUGHTER WITH THE SLOGANS OF DEMOCRACY DURING THE WORLD WAR, HAS NOT ONLY VIEWED THIS WIDESPREAD OVERTHROW OF DEMOCRATIC FORMS WITH EQUANIMITY, BUT HAS APPLAUDED AND APPROVED THE VERY THINGS IN ITALY, HUNGARY AND SPAIN WHICH IT HAS PRETENDED TO DAMN MOST VIOLENTLY IN RUSSIA.

This is the world line-up, the overshadowing issue of the present—THE UNFOLDING SIGN OF AN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM RAPIDLY NEARING THE BREAK-UP.

There is only one way for the common people to successfully cope with this situation—AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE, POLITICALLY AND INDUSTRIALLY—BEAT THE FASCISTS TO THE CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT.

## Iron Heel in Italy.

The Labor and Socialist International with headquarters at Zurich, Switzerland, reports in its latest letter that the Fascist terror following the alleged attempt on the life of Mussolini, is operating with such violence that the United Socialist Party is still forbidden, its former official organ, "Giustizia," is not allowed to appear and that the Socialist deputies belonging to this dissolved party are attempting to start a new party, "The Socialist Party of the Italian Workers." There has been a movement to combine the United Socialists and Maximalists, another Socialist party, into one organization as the answer to Mussolini's attempt to crush Socialism in Italy.

## Italian Labor Fights Back.

Despite the fact that the Fascist government is exerting itself to the utmost to force the Italian workers into the Fascist unions, and is collecting dues forcibly from the payrolls of the workers, only 10 per cent of the workers have joined the Fascist unions. The free unions, once so strong in Italy, still preserve their central bodies, but the locals except in the large cities find it almost impossible to exist under the pressure of the government, seizure of their funds, and the threat of loss of citizenship. Says the Labor and Socialist International letter: "That the Italian workers and their leaders in spite of these fearful conditions, are persevering and not forsaking their posts, gives proof of their courage and power of resistance, which will always be a glorious page in the history of the international labor movement."

Here's a line on what the Church Youth Movement meant in its recent resolution when it denounced the present system as a "profit-motivated" system: From Florida come the news that a dangerous smallpox epidemic is raging down there now and that Kiwanis clubs and the papers are uniting to suppress the news. The business interests behind these papers and Kiwanis clubs would rather see thousands of innocent people drawn into Florida at the risk of their lives than to miss the present fat opportunity to get them down there and force them, private profiteering does not balk even at murder under circumstances of criminal deception.

In Turkey they are hanging reactionaries—that's more than they ever did in the United States.

A little exploiters is generally a great deal smaller than a big one.

# The Truth About the Debt Settlement With Mussolini

By Marx Lewis

(The Appeal's Washington Correspondent.)

Coolidge's friendship for the Mussolini regime in Italy was cemented during the past week at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000,000 to the American people when the House ratified the agreement for the "settlement" of the Italian debt to the United States.

As Representative Victor L. Berger, of Wisconsin, showed in a talk made during the discussion which preceded the vote, it was not a settlement, but a repudiation, since the United States was not to get a cent of the principal Italy owes the United States, and only one and one-eighth per cent of the interest, and that spread over a period of sixty-two years. Yet 257 Congressmen, pledged by their oath of office to protect the interests of their own country, voted to sacrifice these interests in favor of the Mussolini regime, while only 123 voted against it.

The reasons behind this action are of two kinds: those that were stated, but which, upon examination, will be found to be untrue; and those which were true, but which were not stated, except by a handful, notably by Representative Berger and by Representative Rainey, of Illinois, who did some good work in this connection.

## A Palpably False Excuse.

The principal reason, if not the only reason, stated by the proponents of the settlement in support of it is that Italy has agreed to pay all she can, but her capacity to pay must be considered, and not what we would like to get.

Just what constitutes capacity to pay is a difficult question to determine. When an individual is unable to meet his obligations, he is declared a bankrupt, and a receiver is appointed to wind up the affairs economically so as to leave as much of the assets as possible to be applied to the payment of the debts. If the bankrupt was receiving a salary of \$100,000 a year or more in order to milk the concern without rendering any services to it, a receiver would stop this diversion of the money into dissipation and waste. A nation which declares its inability to meet its obligations is in effect bankrupt, and a similar method might be employed to protect the interests of the creditors.

But this is where the rub comes in. First of all, the debt commission, which should have been pretty busy concerned in arriving at a settlement that would protect the United States, made no genuine effort to ascertain what Italy could pay. Some Italian financiers Mussolini engaged prepared a statement of what they thought Italy could pay. They did not think Italy could pay much—if they thought otherwise Mussolini might have prevented their thinking apparatus from functioning in the future. Besides they thought of their country first—while the American commissioners did not.

## Italy's Capacity to Pay.

In the second place, the commission might have learned without much investigation that while Italy could not pay more than \$5,000,000 annually to the United States, she could pay, and did pay, \$175,000,000 last year to maintain an army and navy, part of which was used to build up the Italian empire. They could have learned, also, that the King of Italy was getting a salary of \$325,000 a year, for not doing nearly as much as Coolidge was getting \$75,000 for. Besides, they might have ascertained that there were many dukes and princes receiving \$200,000 a year. Also, that Italy, so impoverished, according to the Mussolini professors, was able last year to make a number of loans to its more impoverished neighbors.

So they made no effort to ascertain what Italy's capacity, except for dictatorship, was or is, and even without that effort, they did not take advantage of the information they did have to make Italy come across at the expense of their military armaments, their king, dukes, etc.

## Italy's Capacity for Well Street.

But they did ascertain—and that brings us to the true reason for the settlement, although it was not mentioned, nor conceded, by the proponents of the measure—THAT ITALY WAS NEGOTIATING A LOAN WITH J. P. MORGAN AND CO. FOR \$100,000,000, WHICH WILL BRING MORGAN AN ANNUAL INTEREST OF 7 PER CENT. TO SECURE THAT LOAN ITALY REPRESENTED THAT HER FINANCIAL CONDITION WAS EXCELLENT. "SHE WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE ENOUGH DURING THE COMING YEAR TO MEET ALL OBLIGATIONS BUT ALSO A SURPLUS OF 219,000,000 LIRE—AND THAT SHE WILL BE GETTING FROM GERMANY, UNDER THE REPARATIONS AGREEMENT, \$16,000,000 A YEAR, OR MORE THAN THREE TIMES AS MUCH AS SHE WILL BE PAYING THE UNITED STATES. SO FOR MORGAN, SHE IS RICH; TO PAY THE UNITED STATES, SHE IS POOR.

But Morgan and Co. do not take the chances that their agents in the administration are willing to take—because Morgan deals with his own funds while the administration deals with funds that belong to the American people. And so Morgan prefers that the Government be lenient with its creditors—the more lenient the Government the more usurious the interest they will be able to exact from those same creditors.

If the settlement, so-called, could possibly benefit the Italian people, and not strengthen the dictatorship which is oppressing the Italian people, the position of the Socialist, as outlined by Berger, would be not only to support it, but to cancel the entire indebtedness. Whatever the nationalistic cries of the other opponents of the settlement may be, the Socialist is willing to lend a helping hand to the Italian people—but this settlement only leads another kick to the many the Italians are now getting from their dictator.

## Polish Socialist Win.

The Polish Socialist Party has become powerful enough to compel the majority parties to adopt part of its program. It has agreed to support the government and permit members of the party to become respectively Minister of Labor and Minister of Public Works in view of the fact that the other majority parties have agreed to support the following Socialist policies: preservation of the 8-hour day and social insurance; increase of unemployment benefit; rejection of all proposals to inflate the currency; rejection of military expenditure and term of service in the army; termination of the economic conflict with Germany and the immediate living up to the Polish constitution granting rights to minority races in Poland. Forcing this government, which was recently so reactionary, oppressive and quarrelsome, to adopt such democratic humane and enlightened policies is a great victory for Socialism.

## Tense Struggle in Austria.

The powerful Socialist group in the Austrian parliament is waging such a determined and valiant fight for the people on questions of unemployment and rent that it is winning large non-Socialist elements to its support on these measures. Unemployment has reached catastrophic proportions in Austria. The Socialists have been able to prevent any decrease in unemployment insurance. In the midst of a critical housing situation the middle class majority has launched a terrific assault upon a law enabling the government to requisition dwelling houses not occupied and upon another law otherwise protecting tenants. This fight has greatly increased the popularity of the Socialist party and correspondingly caused resentment against the middle class majority.

Even in Palestine Socialism is the rising power. At the recent election of the trade councils of the towns, which are the trade union and cooperative centers of the Jewish workers in Palestine, a three cornered fight developed between the Socialists, conservatives and the ultra-radicals. Two-thirds of the votes were cast for the Socialists who won a majority of the seats in all the towns.

In little peaceful Holland, and at the Hague, the center for capitalism, the Fascist organized last week and instituted military drill to meet "whatever eventualities may arise." "Eventualities" in Fascist language, always means a duly and legally elected Socialist, or Labor majority. That's what capitalism is fearing in Holland, peace center of the world, and so capitalism is turning militarist and Fascist.

Chicago will use \$70,000 next summer to exterminate mosquitoes—it will spend many times that much to coddle other kinds of parasites.

## Can Be No Peace Under Versailles Pact—Berger

Washington—An amendment offered by Victor L. Berger to the resolution providing for an appropriation for the expenses of American delegates to the Geneva conference for the reduction of armament providing that the revision of the Versailles treaty should be considered was put out of order by the Speaker, but before Berger had assigned some of the reasons why the conference will fail if the Versailles treaty is scrapped.

Replying to the point of order raised against it by Representative Berg of Ohio, Berger said:

"I offer my amendment because I do not believe that the purpose of the conference, which is the reduction of armament and the promotion of peace can be achieved unless the pact of Versailles is scrapped. Our Government has made that pact possible. Representatives have helped frame it. President Wilson signed it, and although the Senate rejected it, it did not escape our responsibility for its existence or for the conditions in which that infamous treaty was given birth."

This pact of Versailles divided 15,000,000 Germans among hostile neighbors like sheep to be slaughtered. Central Europe was Balkanized. Each of the newly created countries has become the satellite of the more powerful, particularly France, who is employing the money belonging to the United States to help maintain their standing armies.

"The Versailles pact helped create a huge Frankenstein—France and smaller Frankenstein of the kind in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Rumania."

"If the conference at Geneva is to accomplish anything—if the money appropriated by this resolution is to mean anything more than a round trip ticket for the delegates—that conference will have to begin to scrap the treaty of Versailles and frame one in accordance with the 14 points of the armistice agreement."

Labor legislation has been winning some grand old victories lately. The state of Washington has adopted an old age pension for persons over 65 years of age, residents of the state and citizens of the United States, and the courts have just declared the first women's compensation laws of the Arizona and Ohio constitutional. Don't forget that Victor L. Berger is the pioneer fighter for old age pensions in the United States. Last year the Ohio law distributed \$11,000,000 to injured workmen and their dependents. Don't tell us any more that nothing can be done by legislation. If political lobbying by labor can do this, political action by labor and the farmers can do ten times as much.

Two parties still function down in Washington—the Republicans and the Third Class.







